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Protestants of IRELAND

MAY

Probably bear to the *Papists*; hum-
bly offer'd to the Publick.



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A *Popery* is of late become the subject of most Coverlations; I hope it may neither be disagreeable nor unseasonable, until more accurate can be had, to present the Publick with the following Schemes of the Proportions which the Protestants may probably bear to the Papists, in the several Parts of this Kingdom.

I find by an Account taken from the Hearth-Money Books, with a great deal of Accuracy, and published by *Arthur Dobbs*, Esq; a Member of our House of Commons, in the second Part of his Essays upon the *Trade of Ireland*, that the Houses in this Kingdom, in the Year ending *Lady Day*, 1718, amounted to 361508, and that they were in the Year, ending *Lady-Day*, 1725, increased to 386229, which is about 24721 more than they were seven Years before; so that allowing a like Increase for the last seven Years, the Houses in this Kingdom must now be 410950, exclusive of Colleges, Barracks, Hospitals, Custom-houses, Work-houses, Charity-schools, Watch-houses, and Light-houses.

I find also, that of the above 361508 Houses, there were in the Province of *Ulster*, or the North of *Ireland*, in 1718, including the Cities and Towns thereof, 103543; which in the Year 1725, were increased to 105972, so that allowing a like Increase for the last seven Years, there must now be 107401 Houses in that Province, which being deducted out of 410950, or the Gross amount of Houses in the whole Kingdom, there remains for the other three Provinces, and their Cities 303549 Houses.

But in six only of the principal Northern Cities, viz. *Belfast*, *Lisburn*, *Newry*, *Carrickfergus* and *Colerain*, there were in 1725, 5367 Houses, which in the last seven Years may be increased to 6276; and these being deducted from the gross Amount of the whole Province, there remains for the open County of the North 101125 Houses.

The City of *Dublin*, in 1718, was but 9505 Houses, and in 1725, it was increased to 11466, so that allowing a like Increase for the ensuing seven Years, it must now be 13427 Houses.

There were in six other principal Cities of *Leinster*, *Munster* and *Connaught*, viz. in *Cork*, *Limerick*, *Waterford*, *Kilkenny*, *Galway* and *Drogheda*, in the Year ending *Lady Day* 1725, 20856 Houses, and they might in the last seven Years be increased to 23781, which being added to the Houses in *Dublin*, make in the principal Cities of these three Provinces 37181. but if we deduct these from the gross Amount of Houses in *Leinster*, *Munster* and *Connaught*, then there will remain for the open Country of those Provinces 266368 Houses.

From

From which, for more Perspicuity, I beg leave to form the following Scheme.

Scheme of the Number of Houses in the several Provinces and Cities of *Ireland*, in the Year ending *Lady Day*, 1732.

Houses.	
In the Province of <i>Ulster</i> , or the <i>North</i> , }	
Exclusive of fix of its principal Cities. }	101125
In the fix principal Cities thereof. ———	6276
In the other three Provinces exclusive of ?	266368
<i>Dublin</i> , and fix other principal Cities. }	
In the City of <i>Dublin</i> . ———	13427
In the fix other principal Towns of <i>Leinster</i> , <i>Munster</i> and <i>Connaught</i> . }	23754

Houses in all exclusive of Hofpitals, Bar-racks, &c. } 410950

It will now be proper to Consider what Number of Souls there may reasonably be in these Houses, but in order to this, it will be first necessary to observe, that the extreme Poverty of our meaner Sort of People, and the extravagant Pride and Luxury of our Gentry and Nobility; (Misfortunes for which our Country is unhappily Remarkable) crowd more People into a House in *Ireland*, than is allow'd in any Calculation hitherto made for any of our neighbouring Countries; for on the one hand, the Poverty of our working People, is such, that in order to save two Shillings *per Annum*, Hearth Money, (a Tax grievously heavy indeed to them) they seldom send out a Swarm, until the House is no longer large enough to hold them; while on the other hand

hand, the Pride of our Gentry fills their Houses with superfluous and unnecessary Servants, so that, I say, the Houses of *Ireland* should be computed at a higher *Medium*, than those of any of our neighbouring Countries; and this Observation is greatly strengthened by several particular Enquiries made by the Curious, as well in *Dublin*, and the other Cities, as in several other Parts of the open Country.

For the City of * *Dublin*, the *Medium* is taken very high, by most of those who have thought of the Matter: But as I would be in all things within Bounds, I shall only suppose it at 13 to a House, in the other Cities of the Kingdom, it cannot be less, than 9 to a House; nor in the open Country of *Leinster*, *Munster* and *Connaught*, can it be much less than Five.

The *North* is a very working Country, and the Industry of the People obliges them to keep many Servants; so that the *Medium* there, exclusive of its Cities, is thought to be six to a House, but I shall only suppose it Five.

Now if we suppose that in the open Country of the *North*, the *Protestants* are to the *Papists* but as six to one.

That in the Northern Cities they are as seven to one.

That in *Dublin* they are three to one.

That in the six principal Cities of *Leinster*, *Munster* and *Connaught*, they are but as two to three.

* I am credibly informed, that the present Bishop of *Kildare*, upon a most diligent and curious Inquiry by him made, found the Inhabitants of *St. Michan's* Parish, (which is by no means the most populous Part of this City) to have held out to a *Medium* of sixteen to a House.

And that in the rest of the Boroughs, Towns and open Country of the Kingdom, they are but a seventh Part of the People.

It will then follow, that the Protestants are to the Papists, as in the annexed Scheme.

Scheme of the whole People of Ireland, with the Proportions which the *Protestants* bear to the *Papists*, in the several Provinces and Cities thereof.

Souls. Protestants. Papists.	
In the Province of <i>Ulster</i> , or the <i>North</i> , exclusive of 6 of its principal Cities, at 5 to a House, and 6 <i>Protestants</i> to one <i>Papist</i> .	505625 433392 72233
In the 6 Northern Cities, at 9 to a House, and 7 <i>Prote-</i> <i>stants</i> to one <i>Papist</i> .	55125 48235 6890
In <i>Leinster</i> , <i>Munster</i> and <i>Con-</i> <i>naught</i> exclusive of 6 of its principal Cities, at 5 to a House, allowing that but one seventh of the People are <i>Protestants</i> .	1331840 190262 1141578
In the City of <i>Dublin</i> , at 13 to a House, and 3 <i>Prote-</i> <i>stants</i> to one <i>Papist</i> .	174551 130913 43638
In the 6 other principal Towns of <i>Leinster</i> , <i>Munster</i> and <i>Connaught</i> , at 9 to a House, and but 2 <i>Protestants</i> to 3 <i>Papists</i> .	213786 85515 128271
Total.	2280927 888317 1392610

which is about Six to Four; and I believe this will be thought the worst of our Case, if we consider that Sir WILLIAM PERRY, in 1672, upon an accurate Inquiry, concludes with the following
Diagram.
“ Altho.

" Altho' the *Protestants* of Ireland be to *Papists* " as Three to Eight, yet because the former live in " Cities and Towns, and the *Scots* live in and about " five of the 32 Counties of Ireland, it seems in " other open Countries, and without the Corpora- " tions, that the *Irish* and *Papists* are 20 to 1. Page 111 of the last London Edition.

But as many Gentlemen are inclin'd to form their Judgments of the whole Kingdom, from the Accounts given of *Papery* in the Counties of *Galway* and *Mayo*, it may not for a while be Improper to Grant, that those Accounts are well grounded; and indeed to take things in the worst Light, in which they can possibly be put, to see what Influence that may have upon the Proportion of *Protestants* to *Papists* in the whole Kingdom.

Suppose then, that the Houses of *Connaught* are increased to 5100. Mr. *Debbs* mentions in his Calculations but one Town of this Province, I mean the Town of *Galway*, in which there were then but 1567 Houses; but there are besides, *Sligoe*, *Boyle*, *Elphin*, *Loughrea*, *Tuam*, *Headford*, *Bahirrobe*, *Castlebar*, *Newport*, *Westport*, *Foxford*, *Ballina*, *Newtown*, *Killalla*, &c. which, together with the Houses of Gentlemen and rich Farmers in the Country, may make up 2400 more, which being added to *Galway*, make in all 3667 Houses; and deducting these from the gross Amount of Houses in the Province, there will remain for the open Country 47033, and these at 4 and a half to a House, may contain 211648 Souls.

But we are told, that the *Protestants* are not above one twelfth of these.

Wherefore

Protestants Papists.
17637 and 194011

Wherefore —————
The Houses in Towns, &c. may be computed at 8 to a House, and allowing the *Papists* in these to be 7 to 1 (tho' it is evident from all the Enquiries that have of late been made in *Ireland*, that of the Houses exceeding one Hearth, the *Protestants* have 2 to 1) there will then be but

3967 27769

Wherefore in the whole Province of *Connaught* there must be by this Estimate but

21604 221780

In *Leinster* the most Protestant Counties are, *Wicklow*, *King's County*, *Queen's County*, *Carlow* and *Wexford*; and we will suppose them increased in the last seven Years, only 80 Houses, there will then be in these Counties but 43317 Houses.

But the Towns of these Counties are *Wicklow*, *Arklow*, *Gory*, *Enniscorthy*, *Wexford*, *Edenderry*, *Phillistown*, *Birr*, *Maryborough*, *Portarlington*, *Stradbally*, *Carlow*, *Castledermot*, *Dunkavin*, which with Gentlemen and rich Farmers Houses, we shall compute only 3317 Houses, which being deducted from the Gross amount of Houses in these Counties, will leave for the open Country 40000, which

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which at 4 and a half to a House, may be supposed to be inhabited by 180000 Souls, and supposing the *Papists* to be here 3 to 1

Protestants. *Papists*.

There will then be in these Counties, 45000 135000

But if we suppose, that in the

3317 Houses of the Towns, &c. |

we are only upon a level with |

the *Papists*, then at 8 to a House } 13268 13268

there will be in these.

In all in these more Protestant } 58268 148268
Counties of *Leinster*.

The remaining Counties of *Leinster* are *Louth*, *Meath*, *Westmeath*, *Dublin*, *Kildare* and *Longford*; and supposing them to be increased to 73515 Houses. If we suppose *Dublin* to have increased in six Years 475 Houses, the Towns of *Drogheda*, *Kilkenny* and *Dundalk*, as computed by Mr. *Dobbs* being 3757 Houses; and the Towns omitted by him, viz. *Ardee*, *Trim*, *Nasvan*, *Kells*, *Abboy*, *Mullingar*, *Kildare*, *Abby*, *Atblone*, *Naas* and *Longford*, together with Gentlemen and rich Farmers Houses, being only computed at 3000, there will then be deducted from the Gross amount of Houses in these Counties 18757, and the Remainder, in the open Country must therefore be 54758, which at 4 and a half to a House, give us 245411 Inhabitants, of these the *Papists* can not be six to one, an accurate Return being lately made by Mr. *Garrett*, of the most *Popish* Part of the County of *Westmeath*, which did not amount to full 6 to 1; but however supposing them at 7 to 1, There

There must then be but		
We will suppose to the Houses in <i>Dublin</i> , at only 12 to a House, the <i>Protestants</i> in <i>Dublin</i> are unquestionably 3 to 1, but allowing them to be only 2, there will then be in <i>Dublin</i>	30801	215610
In the other Towns of these Counties, the Houses may have 8 to a House, which at 2 <i>Papists</i> to one Protestant give us	96000	48000
	18018	36038

Total in these Counties.	144819	299648
But we have supposed in the other <i>Leinster Counties</i> .	58268	148268
Wherefore in the whole Province of <i>Leinster</i> but	203087	447916

N. B. That there are not above 6 Parish Chapels for *Papists* in the City of *Dublin*, and that there may be nine other lesser Chapels; in all, suppose 15. It is by the *Papists* held to be a mortal Sin, as they call it, to omit hearing of Mass every *Sunday*; wherefore we may suppose, that all the *Papists* in this City, who are able to go abroad, hear Mass at one or other of these Chapels every *Sunday*. But suppose that one third of the whole People stay from Mass, then, as we allow 48000 *Papists*, deducting this one Third there must go to Mass to one or other of these Chapels every *Sunday* 32000.

But if we suppose that these 15 Chapels may hold each of them at a *Medium* of 500 Souls, and that every one of these Chapels are four times crowded

crowded in the Forenoon (which I believe may be thought as often at least as they really are) then the *Papists* hearing of Mass in this City of a *Sunday* (which are indeed all that can) amount but to 3000.

But if this be a right Calculation, and if the Houses of *Dublin*, hold at any higher *Medium* than 12 to a House, all the People, which by such a Computation may be found in it, over and above the 4800 *Papists*, which we have herein allowed, must therefore be *Protestants*.

Sir *William Petty* says, that in 1672, there were in *Dublin* under 4000 Houses, that there were then in this City 2800 *Protestants*: The Houses are now 12000, or treble what they then were; but supposing that the *Protestants* and *Papists* increased in the same Proportion, even within our *Metropolis*; the *Protestants* must now be 74000, and the *Papists* but 70000.

In *Munster*, if we suppose that the Cities of *Cork*, *Limerick* and *Waterford*, are in fix Years increased 820 Houses, they must now be 13469; and if we suppose that there are in *Rosgrary*, *Nenagh*, *Thurlas*, *Capel*, *Carrick*, *Clonmel*, *Tipperrary*, *Dunannon*, *Youghil*, *Bandon*, *Kinsale* *Ennis*, *Tralee*, *Dingle*, *Newcastle*, *Mallow*, *Charleville* and other smaller Towns inhabited mostly by *Protestants*, including always the Gentlemen and rich Farmers Houses, 6000; these added to those in the other Towns make in all 19565 Houses, which being deducted from the gross Amount of this Province leave for the open Country 97916 Houses, which at 4 and a half to a House, may be supposed to contain 440622 Inhabitants.

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But it appears by Returns lately made of the Diocese of *Cashel*, and of that of *Cloyne*, that the *Papists* in the open Country, exclusive of the Towns, are but 5 to 1; but however to give a greater Force to this Calculation, I will suppose them 6 to 1.

	Pro.	Papists
Wherefore in the open Country of <i>Munster</i> .	62946	377676
But supposing 8 to a House in the Towns, and admitting the <i>Papists</i> to be 2 to 1, there must then be in the Towns	52184	104368
Total in the Province of <i>Munster</i> .	115130	482044

In the Province of *Ulster*, the five most Protestant Counties are *Antrim*, *Down*, *Ardmagh*, *Tyrone* and *Derry*; and we suppose, that in seven Years they have increased only 678 Houses, which makes them now 74749, but the Towns of these Counties, mentioned by Mr. *Dobbs* contain but 5160 Houses, and there may be in the other Towns, viz. *Derry*, *Antrim*, *Lurgan*, *Ardmagh*, *Omev*, *Dungannon* and *Strabane*, together with the Houses of Gentlemen and rich Farmers, 3407. in all 8567, which being deducted from the gross Amount of Houses in the Counties, leave for the open Country 66182 Houses, but if we suppose these at 4 and a half to a House, and but 3 Protestants to one *Papist*, (tho' they cannot possibly be less than 10 to 1.)

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There will then be in the Protest. Papists
open Country of the 5 more { 223365 74454
Protestant Counties of the
North only.

But there are in the Towns, }
£3c. at 8 to a House, and only 57114 11422
5 *Protestants* to 1 *Papist*.

Total of the 5 most *Prote-* } 280479 85876
stant Counties of *Ulster*.

But the other four Counties, viz. *Donegal*, *Fermanagh*, *Monaghan* and *Cavan* we will suppose to have increased 364 Houses, which give us for them in all 32290. Mr. *Dobbs* mentions none of the Towns in this District, wherefore we must allow for *Enniskilling*, *Monaghan*, *Cavan*, &c. and for the Gentlemen and rich Farmers at least 2000 Houses, which being deducted from the gross Amount of Houses in this District, the Remainder will be 30290 for the open Country, which if we suppose at 4 and a half to a House, and only as many *Protestants* as *Papists*.

There will then be in these } Protest. Papists
Counties. { 68153 68153

But there may be in the }
Towns, £3c. at 8 to a House, 12000 4000
and 3 *Protestants* to 1 *Papist*.

Total of those 4 Counties. 80153 72153
To

Protestants. Papists.

To which, if we add those }
in the 5 more Protestant Coun- } 280479 85876
ties, or

Then, Total of the whole } 360632 157029
Province of *Usser*.

Now give me leave to draw a short Abstract
from this very tedious Calculation.

Abstract of the foregoing.

	Souls.	Protestants.	Papists.
In <i>Connaught</i>	243384	21604	221780
In <i>Leinster</i>	651003	203087	447916
In <i>Munster</i>	597174	115130	482044
In <i>Usser</i>	518660	360632	158029
Total of the whole } Kingdom.	2010221	700453	1309769

Now stating the Account even in this Manner, the *Papists* are not 2 to 1; but I will make these Gentlemen a farther Concession, and allow to every 6 of the *Protestants*, a *Papist* Servant, or 100064, without taking from them any one of the *Protestants*, who serve in *Papist* Families, (which can be no inconsiderable Number,) and this will make them 1409833, but in their stead I will make bold to count upon 12000 of the best disciplin'd Troops in the World, of which I will suppose only one fourth, or 3000 may be married, whole Families, together with Officers Servants, and Attendants on the Army.

I shall suppose to be only four times as many, or 1000 more, which gives us on Account of the Army in all 24000. But there may be in the *Colleges Hospitals, Publick Schools, Custom-houses, and other Publick Buildings and Offices* near 10000 more, which added to the others make 34000, and these again added to 600389, or the *Protestants* remaining after deducting 100064 on Account of *Pe-pils* Servants, make the *Protestants* in all 634389 Souls, so that after all, these Concessions; the Account will stand thus.

	Protestants.	Papists.
Total.	634389,	1409833,

which is 9 to 4, at which Rule the Proportion is alter'd only from 8 to 3, to 9 to 4.

But if we consider, that the War of *Ireland* was carried on by King *James*, almost entirely with *Irish Papists*, that Multitudes of them perished by Famine, that *Numbers*, after the War followed that Prince's Fortunes into *France*, and have continued ever since, to go off daily to the same Country, that the Laws against the *Growth of Popery* have been a perpetual Check upon their Increase, and a Means of bringing over to us, almost all the landed *Papists* of the Kingdom; and if we at the same Time Reflect upon the many Thousands of *English, Scotch, French, Palatines* and other *Protestants* that came over, and took up their Places, we shall Conclude, that it is impossible the Proportion should have varied so little in Favour of the *Protestant* Interest as from 8 to 3, to 9 to 4.

I am

1. *From* *Seisable* that there are many who think the *Papists* 10 to 1, but their Calculation must be Erroneous to a great Degree, and I would advise them, only to Reflect.

If the *Papists* be 10 to 1, and that the whole People are but 2000000, it follows, that the *Protestants* are now but 181818, and that the *Papists* be 1818182; or in other Words, that the *Protestants* after all our Industry, are at this Time less in Number, by almost one half, than they were in 1672, when Sir *William Petty* made his Calculation.

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